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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/288,140
Filing Date	April 8, 1999
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2871
Examiner Name	Minh T.T. Ton
Attorney Docket Number	0756-1943

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider any previously filed and unentered Amendments and Information Disclosure Statements, including the amendment(s)/reply and/or Information Disclosure Statement(s) previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$810.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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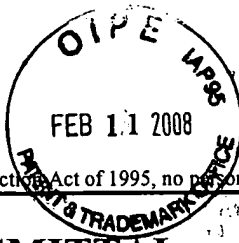
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
FOR FY 2007**

Effective 09/30/2007. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 810.00**Complete if Known**

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- Applicant claims small entity status.
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- See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1001	310	2001	155	Utility filing fee
1111	510	2111	255	Search fee
1311	210	2311	105	Examination fee

Over 100 Sheets/260 for each additional 50

Fee Paid**SUBTOTAL (1)****2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Independent Claims	-3** = <input type="text"/>	X \$210 = <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee-Description
1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20
1201	210	2201	105	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	370	2203	185	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	210	2204	105	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	50	2205	25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2)

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**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month
1252	460	2252	230	Extension for reply within second month
1253	1,050	2253	525	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,640	2254	820	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,230	2255	1,115	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	510	2401	255	Notice of Appeal
1402	510	2402	255	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	1,030	2403	515	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	510	2452	255	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,540	2453	770	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,440	2501	720	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	820	2502	410	Design issue fee
1503	1,130	2503	565	Plant issue fee
1462	400	1462	400	Petitions, Group I
1463	200	1463	200	Petition, Group II
1464	130	1464	130	Petitions, Group III
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809	810	2809	405	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	810	2810	405	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	810	2801	405	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

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Other fee (specify) _____

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